

:010 15.614 Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act

:020 (National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grants)

:030 FEDERAL AGENCY: U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

:040 AUTHORIZATION: Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act, Section 305, Title III, Public Law 101-646, 16 U.S.C. 3951-3956.

:050 OBJECTIVES: To grant funds to coastal States to carry out coastal wetlands conservation projects.

:060 TYPES OF ASSISTANCE: Project Grants.

:070 USES AND USE RESTRICTIONS: Funds are used for acquisition of interests in coastal lands or waters, and for restoration, enhancement or management of coastal wetlands ecosystems on a competitive basis with all coastal States. Proposed projects must provide for long term conservation of such lands or waters and the hydrology, water quality, and fish and wildlife dependent thereon.

:080 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

:081 Applicant Eligibility: Available to all States bordering on the Atlantic, Gulf (except Louisiana), and Pacific coasts, States bordering the Great Lakes, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands, and American Samoa.

:082 Beneficiary Eligibility: Participation is limited only to States, territories, or Commonwealths as designated in the applicant eligibility section.

:083 Credentials/Documentation: Allowable costs are determined in accordance with 43 CFR Part 12, Subpart C, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments." Section 12.62 (of the common rule) identifies Federal cost principles for determining allowable costs (OMB Circulars A-87 and A-122).

:090 APPLICATION AND AWARD PROCESS:

:091 Pre-application Coordination: The standard application forms furnished by the Federal agency and required by 43 CFR Part 12, Subpart C, "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative

Agreements to State and Local Governments," must be used for this program. Environmental assessment is required where actions will significantly affect the human environment. This program is eligible for coverage under E.O. 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs." An applicant should consult the office designated as the single point of contact in his or her State for more information on the process the State requires to be followed in applying for assistance, if the State has selected the program for review.

:092 Application Procedure: Participating States will submit an application for Federal assistance, a statement of assurances, and a narrative description of the project.

:093 Award Procedure: The Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service will select projects to be funded based on established criteria.

:094 Deadlines: Deadline for State proposals is the first week in June. The Service will provide details to the State fish and wildlife agencies in April.

:095 Range of Approval/Disapproval Time: Approximately 120 days.

:096 Appeals: Differences of opinion about substantiality of proposals are considered by the Regional Directors? Final determination rests with the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

:097 Renewals: Funding of projects selected for multiple-year financing is contingent on the availability of funds in future fiscal years.

:100 ASSISTANCE CONSIDERATIONS:

:101 Formula and Matching Requirements: The Federal share of project costs is not to exceed 50 percent; except that the Federal share may be increased to 75 percent if a coastal State has established a trust fund for the purpose of acquiring coastal wetlands, other natural areas, or open spaces.

:102 Length and Time Phasing of Assistance: Projects normally funded through annual segments.

:110 POST ASSISTANCE REQUIREMENTS:

:111 Reports: A Performance Report is required for each annual segment within 90 days after the end of the segment.

:112 Audits: For awards made under this Program, grantees and

sub-grantees are responsible for obtaining audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 (31 U.S.C. 7501 et seq.), and OMB Circular A-133. They are also subject to Program-specific audits contracted by the Fish and Wildlife Service.

:113 Records: Cost records must be maintained separately for each project. Records, accounts, and supporting documents must be retained for three years after submission of final request for reimbursement.

:120 FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

:121 Account Identification: 14-8151-0-7-303.

:122 Obligations: FY 01 \$11,284,119; FY 02 \$13,040,459; FY 03 \$ 12,420,459.

:123 Range and Average of Financial Assistance: \$138,875 to \$1,000,000; Average=\$681,730.

:130 PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS: In FY 00, Coastal Wetland grants restored 1,437 acres of wetlands and acquired 4,492 acres of wetlands. In FY 01, Coastal Wetland grants restored 3,932 acres of wetlands and acquired 6,862 acres of wetlands. In FY 02 Coastal Wetland Grants will restore 619 acres of wetlands and acquire 27,581 acres of wetlands.

:140 REGULATIONS, GUIDELINES, AND LITERATURE: Proposed regulations were published in the Federal Register August 20, 2001.

:150 INFORMATION CONTACTS:

:151 Regional or Local Office: See Catalog Appendix IV for addresses.

:152 Headquarters Office: Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, DC 20240. Contact: Chief, Division of Federal Aid. Telephone: (703) 358-2156 or Chief, Division of Fish and Wildlife Management and Habitat Restoration. Telephone: (703) 358-1718.

:153 Web Site Address: [HTTP://www.far9.fws.gov](http://www.far9.fws.gov).

:160 RELATED PROGRAMS: 15.615, Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund.

:170 EXAMPLES OF FUNDED PROJECTS: Restore wetlands under State ownership; acquire new wetlands.

:180 CRITERIA FOR SELECTING PROPOSALS: The State agency must submit a project by the State agency having responsibility for acquisition of interests in coastal lands or waters, and for the restoration, management, or enhancement of coastal wetlands ecosystems. Purpose of the project must

be consistent with the purpose and conditions of the Act.

:320 APPLICANTS: 1456;2356

:330 BENEFICIARIES: 14;23

:340 FUNCTIONS: QL

:350 CIRCULARS: EO12372, OMB A-87, OMB A-122.

:500 PUBLIC LAWS: 101*646

:510 STATUTES:

:520 U.S. CODES: *16*3954

:530 MATCHING REQTS:

:540 GRANTS: 10266;9439;11269

:550 LOANS: NA;NA;NA

:560 OTHER: NA;NA;NA

:570 DEADLINE DATE:

:600 SUBJECT TERMS:

Water resources

coastal planning and restoration of ecosystems

wetlands protection